

HANNA DEMANDS FORECLOSURE SALE RECALL OF WOOD MAY BE NECESSARY.

Damaging Testimony Causes General's Friends Uneasiness, White Enemities Become More Aggressive.

BELLAIRS'S RECORD PROBED.

Editor Testifies That Money and Ticket Home Were Offered to Convict Witness Against Correspondent, but Was Rejected.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Senator Hanna made the formal demand on the Committee on Military Affairs of the Senate today for General Wood to be called home from the Philippines so that he could be examined as to his conduct in Cuba. The committee took no action, but there was an air of aggressiveness on the part of General Wood's enemies and of uneasiness on the part of his friends which was amply accounted for by the testimony.

General Wood has said that he had no previous knowledge of the fact that the newspaper correspondent Bellairs was a convict, and that the first intimation he had of Bellairs's criminal record was when the exposure was made in the newspapers. The exposure of Bellairs was made about a year and a half ago, after he had gone to the Philippines and, while acting as a correspondent of the Associated Press, had written a book attacking Governor Taft and urging Wood for the position of Governor of the Philippine Islands.

WOOD'S INTEREST IN BELLAIRS. Doctor C. B. Fisher of Chicago, who was editor of the Havana Post, testified that his paper had investigated Bellairs's record in May, 1936. During a trip with Wood to the Isle of Pines in May, he told Wood that Bellairs had been a convict in Florida and that there were other more serious accusations against him. Wood asked him not to print the story. As a matter of fact another editor of the paper had the story out because it might be libelous and there would be difficulty in getting witnesses from Florida.

J. O. Fontaine, now editor of a Florida newspaper, testified to investigating the report about Bellairs in 1936 and finding it true. Bellairs had been recognized by a former fellow convict, named Johnson, who saw Bellairs in the prison with General Wood. Bellairs winked at Johnson and later asked him to keep quiet.

Subsequently General Wood went to the witness and asked him if Johnson would be willing to leave the island if he was given a ticket to New York and money. Johnson declined to do so, saying he had too good a thing in Havana bleeding Bellairs.

This was before General Wood's journey to New York, when he used his details to have Bellairs sent to the Philippines, and when he told the Associated Press he had never heard any charges against him.

Major General John R. Brooke, retired, was called and gave some details of Wood's disobedience of orders in refusing to send the funds of Santiago to the Central Government.

L. J. Morrison of No. 4 Broadway, New York, who had the contract for dissection of the Havana cadavers, testified that on his contract, and he had been told by General Wood that he had drawn the money which was to pay the bill.

WANTS SYSTEMATIC NAVAL CONSTRUCTION.

Representative A. G. Dayton Says Appropriations Should Be Authorized for Five Battleships.

WASHINGTON, DEC. 14.—Representative A. G. Dayton of West Virginia is not one of those who counsel passing by this session of Congress without making appropriations for much-needed battleships for the navy.

Mr. Dayton made an extended European trip last summer to observe the navy and naval administration of foreign powers. So he has gained a glimpse of the American service through the eyes of foreigners, as well as having possessed himself of a strong grasp of service questions here. He said today:

"I think we should authorize five battleships this year, the same as last, without hesitation, because such authorization will be in line of continued increase of the navy until we have it up to the limit of power strength. We should not be satisfied to stop before we have forty-five battleships in the water. We are now at the fifty mark."

"To pause now would be as fatal to the successful defense of our home coasts and the insular possessions as to build a fort outside of New York harbor and then put in it only half as many guns as are necessary to command the channels, which a hostile fleet would try to force, would be to leave the door wide open."

"England, with more than twice as many ships as we have, proposes to lay down this year three or four new battleships, and three protected cruisers."

The active naval development of other two countries are shown in the fact that they rapidly, and according to a fixed program, "The cost of construction is less and the work better if the policy of naval construction is systematic instead of spasmodic."

Will Employ Old Drivers. George J. Tansey, president of the St. Louis Transfer Company, said last night, in regard to the strike declared Saturday by the drivers, that the company would hire any of the old men that had been laid off, but that no efforts were being made to induce them to return by granting any of the demands. Mr. Tansey also stated that the company had tentatively abandoned its baggage transfer business.

Teamster Falls from Wagon. A Hayes, a teamster in the employ of the St. Louis Transfer Company, was seriously injured yesterday afternoon by falling from his wagon as he was descending the Lever at the foot of Poplar street. His collar bone was fractured and he sustained many bruises. He was taken to the City Hospital.

Contemplated Plans of Colorado Fuel and Iron Company Explained to Stockholders.

BOND ISSUE IS PROPOSED.

Circular Details Necessity for \$15,000,000 or the Corporation Will Have to Go Into Bankruptcy.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.

New York, Dec. 14.—Details of the unpleasant financial condition of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company were made public today in a circular to the stockholders, explaining the contemplated bond issue and increase in the capital stock, which will be voted upon tomorrow by the stockholders at a special meeting in Denver.

Chief among the provisions in the financial plan is one which suggests very plainly the possibility of a foreclosure and bankruptcy sale of the property in case such a step is found necessary by reason of opposition to the proposals. Two plans are suggested to carry out the scheme.

In the official circular today this announcement is made:

"That Mr. Cary convey all the properties owned by the company, or to a company to be organized under the direction of the committee, which may acquire the property of the fuel company at any sale thereof."

"That an issue be authorized of thirty-year bonds, limited to \$15,000,000, which shall be secured by a mortgage as to the property of the company, and conveyed by Mr. Cary, and upon all the property of the company."

Announcement also is made that the proceeds of the \$15,000,000 debenture bonds will be used to pay the company's debts, and to provide for the redemption of the bonds.

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HAPPENINGS IN EAST SIDE CITIES AND TOWNS.

WILL VOTE TO-DAY ON DIKE PLAN.

Members of Mayor Cook's Administration Believe Proposition Will Carry by a Large Majority.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.

Members of Mayor Cook's administration of East St. Louis yesterday predicted that the proposition to build a levee around the city to protect it from the Mississippi River, and which will be submitted to the voters to-day, will carry by a vote of from 3 to 4 to 1.

There is a general sentiment in favor of any scheme which promises protection from the floods, and Mayor Cook believes that the scheme which has been drawn up by Engineer Helm is the most practicable and feasible plan that will give the city protection from the high water.

The city of the city has pronounced itself in favor of the plan, which has been fought to a considerable extent by prominent men who fear that, if it is passed, it will injure the prospects of the proposed big dike, which it is planned to build between Alton and the bluffs.

So far as can be learned from the sources which seem to be in favor of the plan, all protection which can be given to the city.

The big dike scheme is said to be favored by many of the big corporations, and a subscription is being organized to pay the cost of a preliminary survey of the proposed route of the big dike.

Efforts will also be made to interest the United States Government in the plan and assist in the construction of the dike.

Mayor Cook asserts that his dike scheme will take many years before it reaches a stage where it will protect East St. Louis.

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CONFLICTING TESTIMONY BY STATE'S MAIN WITNESS EXONERATES Mrs. Hill of Poisoning Fred Sauer.

JURY TO ACQUIT.

Conflicting testimony by State's main witness exonerates Mrs. Hill of poisoning Fred Sauer.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.

Mrs. Nancy K. Hill of East St. Louis was last evening exonerated of the charge of poisoning Fred Sauer of East St. Louis, who prior to his death had drawn up a will in which Mrs. Hill was named the beneficiary.

The charge on which Mrs. Hill was arrested was preferred by Mrs. Anna Schaefer, who told Chief of Police George O. Purdy, State Attorney Farmer and the Grand Jury that she had been sent to purchase laudanum by Mrs. Hill and that the latter had given Sauer large quantities of the poison, shortly before he died.

She also signed a statement to that effect. Mrs. Schaefer lived with Mrs. Hill.

Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Schaefer gave testimony at variance with the statements which she had previously made and said that only small quantities of laudanum were given to Sauer at a time, and that sometimes she had given him some of the opium.

State Attorney Farmer asked Mrs. Schaefer if she remembered signing a sworn statement that she had seen Sauer take the laudanum from Mrs. Hill, but she denied the truth of her assertions.

Farmer then dismissed the case. Judge William C. Foster asked Judge Hughes if he had anything to say, but he said nothing.

The jury then returned a verdict of acquittal, which was done.

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ST. LOUIS MARRIAGE LICENSES.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.

Marriage licenses issued in Belleville yesterday were: P. Thomas, 22, of Springfield, Ill.; Joseph Steakhaus, 25, of French village; and Anna Drew, 21, of Ridge Prairie, W. S. Drake, 30, and Mary Walker, 25, both of Peoria.

East St. Louis Items. —Eugene Branch, 24, National letter carrier, Accommodation, 219 N. 1st St., St. Louis, Mo., and Mary, 21, of St. Louis, Mo., were married yesterday afternoon, December 14.

The funeral of the late John Cunningham will take place tomorrow at 10 a. m. at St. Mary's Church.

W. H. Forman has returned from Chicago.

Mrs. Thomas Clark will depart this morning for St. Louis.

Frank Robinson has returned from Chicago.

Mrs. and Mr. W. W. Willis are visiting in Louisville, Ky.

Jerseyville Notes. —The congregation of the First Baptist Church in Jerseyville has elected J. G. Brown, Jr., as pastor, and W. E. Brown, Jr., as secretary.

The funeral of Mrs. Maria Ford of Jerseyville took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the family home, 100 N. 1st St., Jerseyville.

—Jerseyville Lodge, No. 10, of the Royal Arch Chapter, Jerseyville, Mo., held a meeting last evening at the Commercial Hotel.

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AT THE OLYMPIC WERE MANY WELL-KNOWN PERSONS.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.

At the Olympic were many well-known persons. Mr. and Mrs. Otto Merzmann had seats in the front parlor. Mrs. Merzmann was wearing black, with a fur coat of gray squirrel and ermine.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Baroda Widen sat near Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Spencer of Sedalia. Mrs. Widen wore a cream lace gown, touched with blue.

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Laughlin had right parlor seats. Mrs. Laughlin wore blue cloth and lace.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gilman Miller waited for friends in the lobby until the curtain went up.

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Gaughan, Miss Hallie Gaughan and her fiancé were in the front row.

Charles Senter had his usual second row seat.

Mr. and Mrs. Moses Fraley and Mrs. Charles Sisk were in the circle.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hentley sat near Miss Eugene Papp and her escort.

The circle was filled with friends of the couple.

Misses Hyde, who are entertaining Mrs. J. Henry Stauff of Pittsburgh, brought their guests, who were with them.

Benjamin O'Fallon had his usual party of friends in the circle.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank were in their favorite right-circle positions.

Frank wore black lace over white silk, with some red roses at the corsage.

Miss Beatrice Lodge and her escort were in the parlor.

Julius Schotten and Jerome Schotten had rear-parquet seats.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sauer had parquet seats. Miss Helen Sauer was in the circle.

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BILLS AGAINST BOOKMAKERS.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.

Grand Jury Makes Partial Report on Minor Cases.

The December Grand Jury made a partial report on the minor cases it has investigated since last Wednesday, when it was sworn in. Indictments were returned to Judge McDonald in the following cases:

Murder, second degree, John McGinnis; arson, first degree, John Gubauer; grand larceny, first degree, William Gregory and Oliver Ashmead; assault to kill and habitual criminal, Jonas Washington; two counts; robbery, first degree, Edward Able and Albert Bell; assault to kill, Louis Gasway; larceny from dwelling, James Dewey; burglary, first degree, and larceny, Bessie Powell; burglary, second degree, and larceny, James Brown; Mike Bouckert and James Arnold; grand larceny, Thomas Sanders; two counts; Harry Alberts, Al Stafford, Hayes Brown, John Weinberg, Louis Graham, Riley W. Wilson, two counts, Charles Copeman two counts, and Paul Marshall; bookmaking without license, Charles Brockmiller, Thomas Burke, William B. Jones and James G. Galt.

On indictment, said to be for bribery, is withheld because the defendant is not in custody.

Leniz Convicted Again. REPUBLICAN SPECIAL. —Poplar Bluff, Mo., Dec. 14.—Attorney E. E. Leniz, who was charged with embezzlement, was found guilty to-day. The jury fixed his punishment at two years in the Penitentiary. This is Leniz's third trial. Twice before he has been convicted and once a mistrial resulted.

ST. LOUIS RAILROAD TIME-TABLE. ST. LOUIS TIME.

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